

Serial Number 10/628,507

### REMARKS

Claim 2 has been re-written to include the limitations of claim 1, from which it originally depended, and claim 3 depends from amended claim 2. Claims 2 and 3 were indicated on page 6 of the Official Action as being directed to allowable subject matter.

The rejections of claims 1 and 4-8 under 35 USC §§102(e) and 103(a) have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1 and 4-8.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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